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Business for today

Business of the Senate—Notices of motion

*Notice given 13 November 2019*

1    Senator Patrick: To move—

(1) That the Senate notes that, in respect to the development of Greater Sunrise oil and gas fields:

(a) on 6 March 2018, Australia and Timor-Leste signed a maritime boundaries treaty establishing permanent maritime boundaries in the Timor Sea, and a legal framework for developing the Greater Sunrise gas fields, together and sharing in the benefits – the treaty has now been ratified by both countries and entered into force on 30 August 2019;

(b) there are two options for processing the Greater Sunrise gas fields:

(i) onshore in Australia, or

(ii) onshore in Timor Leste, as part of the Timor-Leste Government’s Tasi Mane development strategy for a corridor of petroleum infrastructure along the southwest coast of the country;

(c) the Australian Government stated, in response to a question asked during the estimates hearings of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee on 4 September 2019, that ‘Australia wants Greater Sunrise to be developed in a commercially sound way that maximises the return for the parties, and therefore contributes to Timor Leste’s economic development priorities. Provided these conditions are met, Australia is neutral as to whether Greater Sunrise gas is processed in Timor-Leste or Australia’; and

(d) the establishment of a corridor of petroleum infrastructure along the southwest coast of Timor-Leste would be a more complex and challenging endeavour than processing in existing facilities in Australia.

(2) That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and to report by the final sitting day of June 2020, relating the Tasi Mane project:

(a) assistance and co-operation offered, to date, by the Australian Government to the Tasi Mane project;

(b) possible future assistance and co-operation by the Australian Government in relation to the Tasi Mane project;

(c) opportunities for Australian industry to assist with the design, development and execution of the Tasi Mane project;
(d) opportunities for the Australian Government to assist Timor-Leste, in respect of activities and projects incidental to the Tasi Mane project;
(e) opportunities for Australian industry, in respect of activities and projects incidental to the Tasi Mane project; and
(f) any related matters.

Notice given 26 November 2019

2 Senator Brown: To move—That the Marine Order 47 (Offshore industry units) 2019, made under the Navigation Act 2012, be disallowed [F2019L01324].

Eleven sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

3 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 7 September 2020:
The review of foreign investment proposals against the national interest test, with particular reference to:
(a) the protection of Australia’s market-based system from manipulation that would benefit proposed foreign investment;
(b) the assessment of the impact of proposed foreign investment on market concentration and competition;
(c) the enforceability of market access provisions in trade agreements, and the impact of this enforcement on the integrity of Australia’s market-based system;
(d) the extent to which the risk that foreign investment proposals are being used for money laundering is examined;
(e) the role of the Foreign Investment Review Board; and
(f) any other related matters.

Notice of motion altered on 2 and 3 December 2019 pursuant to standing order 77.

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Jobs for the Future in Regional Areas—Select Committee
Report to be presented.
Government business—Orders of the day

1. **Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019**—(Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters, Senator Seselja)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bernardi, in continuation, 3 December 2019).

2. **Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Bill 2019**—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 August 2019).

3. **Aged Care Legislation Amendment (New Commissioner Functions) Bill 2019**—(Senate bill)
   (Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 October 2019).

4. **Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Air Pollution) Bill 2019**—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Whish-Wilson, in continuation, 14 November 2019).

5. **Education Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2019**
   VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019
   Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019—
   (Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).

6. **Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Building on the Child Care Package) Bill 2019**—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

7. **Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures) Bill 2019**
   Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Near-new Dwelling Interests) Bill 2019—
   (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

8. **Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2019**—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

9. **Customs Amendment (Product Specific Rule Modernisation) Bill 2019**—
   (Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).
10 Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Income Management to Cashless Debit Card Transition) Bill 2019—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).

11 Treasury Laws Amendment (Recovering Unpaid Superannuation) Bill 2019—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).

12 Health Legislation Amendment (Data-matching and Other Matters) Bill 2019—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).

13 Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 2) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

14 Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill 2019—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

15 Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Single Treatment Pathway) Bill 2019—(Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters, Senator Seselja)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 September 2019).

Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

17 Treasury Laws Amendment (Combating Illegal Phoenixing) Bill 2019—(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (27 November 2019).

18 New Skilled Regional Visas (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

19 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Crimes Against Children and Community Protection Measures) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

20 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Drug Testing Trial) Bill 2019—(Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 October 2019).

21 Fair Work Laws Amendment (Proper Use of Worker Benefits) Bill 2019—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 September 2019).
22 Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2019—
(Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator Birmingham)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 September 2019).

23 Migration Amendment (Streamlining Visa Processing) Bill 2019—(Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Canavan)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 September 2019).

Government business—Notices of motion

Notice given 3 December 2019


*2 Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business (Senator Cash): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011, and for related purposes. National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2019.

General business—Notices of motion

A complete list of all general business notices of motion and orders of the day remaining on the Notice Paper is published at: www.aph.gov.au/Senate/business

Notice given 3 December 2019

*325 Senator McGrath: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the Urannah Water Scheme will:

(i) increase water security for the Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday regions,
(ii) provide a storage capacity of over 1.5 million megalitres,
(iii) generate electricity with a hydro-power plant, and
(iv) create new jobs in regional Queensland; and

(b) commends:

(i) Bowen Collinsville Enterprise, including its Chairman, Mr Paul McLaughlin and former Chairman, Mr David Evans, for their long and continued advocacy of the Urannah Water Scheme, and

(ii) the Federal Government for providing a $10 million grant to fund a detailed business case and Environmental Impact Statement of the Urannah Water Scheme.
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*326 Senator Dean Smith: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the 2020 Australian of the Year Awards finalists were announced on 13 November 2019;

(b) notes that the Australian of the Year Awards has four categories, including Young Australian of the Year, which celebrates exceptional 16 to 30 year-olds who have succeeded from all different walks of life;

(c) recognises the 2020 WA Young Australian of the Year nominee, Mr Yarlalu Thomas, a Nyangumarta Pitjikarli man from Warralong, south-east of Port Hedland, Western Australia; and

(d) congratulates the other nominees from Western Australia:

(i) Ms Annie Fogarty, AM, of the Fogarty Foundation, Perth, nominated for 2020 WA Australian of the Year,

(ii) Professor John Newnham, AM, of the University of Western Australia, Perth, nominated for 2020 WA Senior Australian of the Year, and

(iii) Ms Suzy Urbaniak of the CoRE Learning Foundation, Victoria Park, nominated for 2020 WA Local Hero.

*327 Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move—

(1) That the Senate notes that—

(a) the number of registered Australian dairy farms has fallen from 5699 in July 2018 to 5200 at present;

(b) milk production has fallen from 12 billion litres in 2000 to 8 billion litres in 2019;

(c) dairy foods play an important part in Australia’s food security and human health;

(d) none of the recommendations contained in the final report of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission’s Dairy Inquiry, dated April 2018, have been implemented;

(e) Australia is forecast to import more dairy products than it exports by 2023;

(f) four foreign-owned milk processors control an increasing proportion of milk production in Australia setting the price at the farm gate, and that during the period 2013 to 2017, these processors had revenues in Australia of over $160 billion but paid less than $160 million in income tax or a rate of less than 1%;

(g) the main dairy export countries, including New Zealand which is the largest dairy exporter in the world, have a regulated farm gate milk price;

(h) regulation of farm gate milk prices is correlated with growth in milk production and increasing exports, whereas Australia’s export of dairy products has been in decline;

(i) on 11 November 2019, the Federal Government voted against the Protecting Australian Dairy Bill 2019; and

(j) on 2 December 2019, the Federal Government voted against debating the Saving Australian Dairy Bill 2019.
(2) That the Senate requires the Minister for Agriculture to attend the Senate on Thursday, 5 December 2019, before government business is called on, to provide an explanation of no more than 10 minutes of the Government’s plan to save the dairy industry from long-term decline.

(3) At the conclusion of the explanation, any senator may move to take note of the explanation.

(4) Any motion under paragraph (3) may be debated for no longer than 60 minutes, shall have precedence over all business until determined, and senators may speak to the motion for not more than 10 minutes.

*328 Senator Urquhart: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, by no later than 12.45 pm on 5 December 2019, the government’s response to the report of the Education and Employment References Committee, The people behind 000: mental health of our first responders, tabled on 14 February 2019.

*329 Senators Davey and Henderson: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which advised the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, stated in their 4th Assessment: ‘A sustainable forest management strategy aimed at maintaining or increasing forest carbon stocks, while producing an annual sustained yield of timber, fibre or energy from the forest, will generate the largest sustained mitigation benefit’,

(ii) all Australia’s native forests, including the Victorian native forest estate, are certified to the global standard of Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification, which is the world’s largest certification scheme for forestry and is only available to countries that practise sustainable forest management,

(iii) on 7 November 2019, the Victorian Labor Government announced it will cease all native forest harvesting in state forests by 2030, stepping down production from 2024,

(iv) the annual economic impact on the native forestry value chain and regional communities is expected to be more than $297.3 million,

(v) more than 4700 workers, their families and communities will be negatively impacted as a result of the Victorian Labor Government’s decision,

(vi) regional towns and communities across Victoria, including Orbost, Benalla, Heyfield, Noojee, Violet Town, Powelltown and Corryong, are likely to be negatively affected by this decision, and

(vii) this decision creates a disturbing precedent undermining confidence in communities relying on native forestry across Australia; and

(b) calls on all parties to:

(i) recognise the significant contribution the Victorian native hardwood forestry industry contributes to the economy and to rural and regional communities,
(ii) condemn the Victorian Labor Government for seeking to destroy the
Victorian native timber industry and forestry workers right to earn a
living, and
(iii) call on the Victorian Labor Government to listen to the regional
communities directly affected, and reverse this decision.

*330 Senator Gallagher: To move—That the Senate—
  (a) notes that:
      (i) the Australian Public Service (APS) performs an essential role, from
          protecting our national security to supporting the most vulnerable
          members of our community,
      (ii) the APS is an enduring institution in our democratic system that exists
           to serve the government of the day but remains impartial in its delivery
           of frank and fearless advice, and
      (iii) for the APS to continue to meet the needs of the Australian community
           and adapt to a changing environment, it will need strong leadership,
           cultural change and long-term vision from governments of both political
           persuasions;
  (b) notes that the Independent Review of the APS, the ‘Thodey Review’, touted as a
      ‘once in a generation review’, is yet to be released despite being received by the
      Federal Government two months ago; and
  (c) calls on the Federal Government to release the ‘Thodey Review’ to the public
      before the end of 2019.

*331 Senator Siewert: To move—That the Senate—
  (a) notes that:
      (i) people living on Newstart and Youth Allowance find the festive season a
          particularly difficult time and they do not enjoy the same Christmas
          spirit as other Australians,
      (ii) the low rates of payments means they are unable to afford gifts and the
           additional costs associated with the festive season, resulting in
           exclusion from participating in seasonal activities and events,
      (iii) the social isolation and exclusion people feel when they cannot
           participate in their community or partake in family activities is
           devastating for their emotional and social well-being and sense of being
           part of the community, and
      (iv) this situation is particularly hard for children; and
  (b) calls on the Federal Government to immediately increase Newstart and Youth
      Allowance so that people in our community are not isolated and excluded.

*332 Senator Roberts: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Assistant Minister
for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology, by 9.30 am on
5 December 2019, the draft response to the recommendations of the Royal
Commission into Financial Services that relate to the Banking Code of Practice
enforceable provisions and penalties for non-compliance.
*333 Senator Roberts: To move—that there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence, by 10 am on 4 February 2020, blood and/or genetic testing on humans and livestock, that:

(a) was taken within the contamination zones, including private land, related to RAAF Base Richmond, RAAF Base Williamtown and Williamtown Airport;
(b) shows the level of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS);
(c) is the actual testing result for each test taken; and
(d) are all the tests taken within the last 24 months.

*334 Senator Faruqi: To move—that the Senate—

(a) notes that the Federal Government has announced a review of Australia’s foreign aid program;
(b) notes with concern that:
   (i) Australia’s foreign aid budget has been cut by 27% since its peak in 2012-13, and is well below the average for countries in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD),
   (ii) the Liberal Government cut $117 million from the aid budget in 2019-20 – if current trends continue, Australia’s foreign aid program will be in the bottom third of all OECD countries by 2020-21,
   (iii) Australia’s current aid commitment stands at an abysmal 0.21% of Gross National Income (GNI), well below Australia’s United Nations obligation of 0.7% of GNI,
   (iv) aid programs in south and east Asia have been cut drastically, and
   (v) the Liberals’ budget cuts and political repurposing of aid to serve Australia’s self-interest have decimated our foreign aid program;
(c) calls on the Federal Government to ensure the review is conducted independently and the findings are shared publicly; and
(d) calls on the Federal Government to:
   (i) increase our foreign aid budget to at least match Australia’s UN obligation at 0.7% of GNI, and
   (ii) use the review as an opportunity to reset their approach to foreign aid and put poverty reduction, climate resilience and social justice at the heart of our foreign aid program.

*335 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—that the Senate—

(a) acknowledges that the Australian Medical Association, the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, the Australian College of Emergency Medicine and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine, representing more than 50,000 Australian doctors, have all declared climate change a public health emergency;
(b) recognises that these highly-respected health and medical organisations have stated that climate change now poses an unprecedented and deadly threat to human lives, and have urgently called on all governments to address the climate emergency by:
(i) expediting the transition from fossil fuels to zero emission renewable energy across all economic sectors, with support to affected communities,

(ii) developing and implementing a national climate change and health strategy based on the framework developed by the health sector, and

(iii) advancing comprehensive heat hazard reduction strategies to minimise heat exposure and sensitivity across Australia, paying particular attention to the needs of vulnerable populations;

(c) further acknowledges that, through the Climate and Health Alliance, more than 50 health, social welfare and conservation groups have joined together in an open letter to the Parliament, to highlight the unprecedented and profound threat of climate change on the health of people and the health system; and

(d) calls on the Federal Government to listen to the experts, and act now to follow the 965 jurisdictions in 18 countries that have already declared a climate emergency, and take the urgent actions required to protect human and environmental health.

*336 Chair of the Select Committee on the effectiveness of the Australian Government’s Northern Australia agenda (Senator Watt): To move—That paragraph (5) of the resolution of the Senate of 4 July 2019, appointing the Select Committee on the effectiveness of the Australian Government’s Northern Australia agenda, be amended to provide: That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that the quorum shall include one Government member and one Opposition member.

*337 Senators Stoker and Carr: To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee on the provisions of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 be extended from 28 February 2020 to 16 April 2020.

*338 Senator Rice: To move—

(1) That the Senate notes that:

(a) in briefings prepared for the Assistant Treasurer, the Australian Bureau of Statistics indicated that the October 2019 field test for the 2021 Census would include questions on sexual orientation and gender identity;

(b) the Australian Statistician has given evidence to the Economics Legislation Committee that the Assistant Treasurer, or his office, expressed a preference about the use of forms without questions on sexual orientation or gender identity in the field trial; and

(c) the October 2019 field trial proceeded without questions on sexual orientation or gender identity.

(2) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer, by no later than 2 pm on 5 December 2019, all communications to the Australian Bureau of Statistics from the Assistant Treasurer, or his office, in relation to these questions, including any reasons for not proceeding with these questions in the field trial.
**Senator Rice:** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) two gay Saudi journalists are currently being detained by the Australian Government after fleeing their home country where homosexuality is punishable by death,

(ii) it is reported that the two men were outed by their own government after contact with foreign media, and feared death and torture, and

(iii) the men have drawn similarities between their treatment in Saudi and their treatment in Australian detention – they have allegedly been threatened with violence from other detainees in the centre and been intimidated by guards; and

(b) calls on the Australian Government to:

(i) acknowledge the increased risk these men face being held in detention due to their sexuality, and

(ii) expedite the assessment process for these two journalists and ensure their safety while their claims for asylum are assessed.

**Senator Waters:** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the overall national toll for women killed by violence since the start of 2019 now stands at 51, as reported by Counting Dead Women Australia from Destroy The Joint,

(ii) there is no national government reporting program to record the ongoing toll of women killed by violence in real time,

(iii) on average, one woman is murdered every week by her current or former partner,

(iv) according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Personal Safety Survey 2016:

(A) more than 370,000 Australian women are subjected to violence from men each year,

(B) 1 in 3 Australian women has experienced physical violence,

(C) 1 in 5 Australian women has experienced sexual violence,

(D) 1 in 6 Australian women has experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner,

(E) 1 in 4 Australian women has experienced emotional abuse by a current or former partner,

(F) Australian women are nearly three times more likely than men to experience violence from an intimate partner, and

(G) Australian women are 2.5 times more likely to be hospitalised for assault injuries arising from family and domestic violence than men, with hospitalisation rates rising by 23% since 2014-15,

(v) in 2017, young women aged between 15 and 34 accounted for more than half of reported sexual assaults.
(vi) there is growing evidence that women with disabilities are more likely to experience violence,

(vii) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women report experiencing violence at 3.1 times the rate of non-Indigenous women,

(viii) in 2016-17, Indigenous women were 32 times as likely to be hospitalised due to family violence as non-Indigenous women,

(ix) the Fourth Action Plan of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 states that the overall prevalence of violence against women will only start to decrease in the very long term as gender roles change, and

(x) the Fourth Action Plan recognises that demand for domestic and family violence services has increased, and will continue to increase; and

(b) calls on the Federal Government to:

(i) recognise domestic violence against women as a national security crisis,

(ii) adequately fund frontline domestic, family and sexual violence and crisis housing services to ensure that all women seeking safety can access these services when and where they need them,

(iii) legislate for 10 days paid domestic and family violence leave so that women do not have to choose between paying the bills and seeking safety,

(iv) ensure that all government-funded counselling services for domestic and family violence are delivered by expert family violence service providers, in accordance with the National Outcome Standards for Perpetrator Interventions,

(v) implement all 25 recommendations contained in the report of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee on domestic violence in Australia, tabled on 20 August 2015, and

(vi) maintain and publish an official real-time national toll of women killed by violence in Australia.

*341 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) there were 10.9 million medical ultrasound examinations funded by Medicare last year,

(ii) the outcome of an ultrasound is reliant on the competence and expertise of the sonographer,

(iii) sonographers are the only medical imaging profession not regulated in Australia, and

(iv) calls to have sonographers regulated under national law are supported by the Australasian Sonographers Association, the Medical Radiation Practice Board, the Australian Medical Association and other medical fraternity, Australian health unions and the diagnostic imaging industry; and
calls on the Federal Government to support the proposal for sonographers to be regulated by adding the profession to the list of imaging professions already regulated by the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia.

*342 Senator Keneally: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Department of Home Affairs employs nearly 2000 dedicated and hardworking Australians to process visa applications across the country and the world,

(ii) this is crucial work that ensures the integrity of our visa processing system and is the cornerstone of our sovereignty as a nation,

(iii) the Federal Government’s plan to privatise Australia’s visa system threatens the livelihoods of thousands of Australians and their families, and

(iv) privatising Australia’s visa system will lead to increased costs of visas, greater risks of worker exploitation, data security breaches and will make protecting national security more difficult;

(b) condemns the Federal Government for auctioning Australian jobs off to the highest bidder, and for undermining the integrity of our visa processing system and our nation’s sovereignty; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to guarantee the protection of the 2000 visa processing jobs which will be lost under the Morrison Government if they persist with their efforts to privatise Australia’s visa system.

*343 Senator Keneally: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Telecommunications Act 1997, and for related purposes. 

_Celecommunications Amendment (Repairing Assistance and Access) Bill 2019._

*344 Senator Keneally: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 16 November 2019, applications opened for two new skilled regional visas – the Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491) and the Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 494),

(ii) the New Skilled Regional Visa (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019 (the Bill) is an important piece of legislation which would ensure that ‘holders of these provisional skilled regional visas will have the same access to welfare payments and government services as permanent visa holders where eligible’,

(iii) the Bill was introduced by the Federal Government into the House of Representatives on 31 July 2019,

(iv) the Bill passed the House of Representatives on 14 October 2019, and was introduced in the Senate on 17 October 2019, and

(v) to date, the Bill has remained without debate in the Senate for nearly two months;
(b) condemns the Federal Government for:
   (i) failing both new Australians and our rural and regional communities through their mismanagement of their limited legislative agenda, and
   (ii) prioritising the privatisation of Australia’s visa processing system over appropriately supporting current visa holders and the communities that they now call home; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to properly consider and debate the New Skilled Regional Visas (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019, as a matter of urgency.

*345 Senator Griff: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that the 35th edition of the Australian Gambling Statistics, published by the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office and released this week, show:
      (i) $24.88 billion was lost by Australians in the year 2017-18,
      (ii) over half of the total gambling losses came from pokies – with $12.52 billion lost, and
      (iii) losses from the sports betting industry grew by 16.3% to $1.2 billion;
   (b) further notes the response from Alliance for Gambling Reform chief advocate, Reverend Tim Costello, that there are direct connections in some instances between gambling harm and family violence and mental ill-health; and
   (c) calls on the Federal Government to address gambling harm as a public health issue.

Orders for production of documents

309 Corporate emissions and energy data—Order for production of documents

By the Minister representing the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction, on 4 December 2019, the corporate emissions and energy data of Amazon Corporate Services Pty Ltd for 2017-18, which was requested to be withheld under section 25 of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007. (Motion of Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) agreed to 2 December 2019.)

*321 City of Sydney annual report 2017-18—Order for production of documents

By the Minister representing the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction, by no later than 12.45 pm on 4 December 2019, the copy of the City of Sydney annual report 2017-18, and any documents that support the claim by the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction. (Motion of Senator Pratt agreed to 3 December 2019.)
Business for future consideration

On 31 January 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Agriculture Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Administration) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 3 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day
1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Sport Integrity Australia) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia’s Anti-Doping Capability) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the next day of sitting (4 February 2020)

Government Business—Orders of the day
1 Agriculture Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Administration) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).

2 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Corporate Crime) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).

3 Wine Australia Amendment (Label Directory) Bill 2019—(Senate bill)—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (2 December 2019).

*4 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019—(Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians, Senator Colbeck)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (3 December 2019).
General Business—Notice of motion

Notice given 27 November 2019

306 Senator Lambie: To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, and for related purposes. *Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2020.*

Notice of motion altered on 27 November 2019 pursuant to standing order 77.

On 5 February 2020

General Business—Notice of motion

Notice given 30 July 2019

72 Senator Kitching: To move—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Integrity, be established to inquire into and report on the integrity of government administration, with particular reference to:

(a) the adequacy and performance of existing integrity measures including, but not limited to:

(i) the Statement of Ministerial Standards, and

(ii) the Lobbyist Code and Register of Lobbyists;

(b) the funding, functions and performance of Commonwealth integrity agencies;

(c) the adequacy of government responses to Senate committee reports;

(d) the adequacy of government responses to Senate orders for the production of documents;

(e) the operation of the Commonwealth Procurement Framework;

(f) the administration of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* legislation;

(g) any proposals to strengthen the integrity of government administration; and

(h) any related matters.

(2) That the committee present its final report on or before the third sitting day of 2021.

(3) That the committee consist of 8 senators, as follows:

(a) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;

(b) 2 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;

(c) 1 nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens; and

(d) 3 nominated by minor party and independent senators.

(4) That:

(a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator; and
(b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee.

(5) That 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.

(6) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that not all members have been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.

(7) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and as deputy chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens or by minor party and independent senators.

(8) That the deputy chair shall act chair when the chair is absent from a meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.

(9) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.

(10) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider.

(11) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.

(12) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.

(13) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

On 7 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Economics Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
Government Business—Order of the day

1  **Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019**—(Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Senator Duniam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (11 November 2019).

   **Eight sitting days after today (13 February 2020)**

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

 Notice given 14 November 2019

1  **Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells):** To move—that the Helicopter Aerial Application Endorsements Exemption 2019, made under the Civil Aviation Act 1988, be disallowed [F2019L01132].

   *Nine sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

**On 21 February 2020**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1  **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2019 and the Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

2  **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

3  **Economics Legislation Committee**
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Your Superannuation, Your Choice) Bill 2019. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**On the tenth sitting day of 2020 (26 February 2020)**

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1  **Legislation Committees**
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2019.
Eleven sitting days after today (26 February 2020)

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

Notice given 27 November 2019

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fierravanti-Wells): To move—That the Telecommunications (Protecting Australians from Terrorist or Violent Criminal Material) Direction (No. 1) 2019, made under the Telecommunications Act 1997, be disallowed [F2019L01159].

Twelve sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 26 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Community Affairs References Committee

Report to be presented on access to medicinal cannabis.

On 27 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

Report to be presented on the impact of changes to service delivery models on the administration and running of Government programs.

2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Report to be presented on Australia’s declarations made under certain international laws.

On 28 February 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 1 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

Report to be presented on the regulation of auditing in Australia.

On 16 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee

Report to be presented on the disclosure and reporting of sensitive and classified information.
2 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on the impact of feral deer, pigs and goats in Australia.

On 18 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2019 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 19 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Tax Transparency in Procurement and Grants) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 23 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on Australia’s oil and gas reserves.

Fourteen sitting days after today (24 March 2019)

Business of the Senate—Notice of motion

Notice given 3 December 2019

*1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Fieravanti-Wells): To move—That the Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 30 of 2019, made under the Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001, be disallowed [F2019L01196].

Fifteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 24 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on the 2019-20 additional estimates.

On 25 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day
1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on Centrelink’s compliance program.
2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on Australia’s dairy industry.

On 26 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 27 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on the adequacy of Newstart and related payments and alternative mechanisms to determine the level of income support payments in Australia.

On 31 March 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 17 April 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 14 May 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day
1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on nationhood, national identity and democracy.
2 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
3 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on the impact of seismic testing on fisheries and the marine environment.
On 15 June 2020
Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

On 17 June 2020
Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on policy, regulatory, taxation, administrative and funding priorities for Australian shipping.

On 18 June 2020
Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on Federal Government’s drought response.

On 23 June 2020
Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on the 2020-21 Budget estimates.

On 25 June 2020
Business of the Senate—Orders of the day
1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on Australia’s sovereign naval shipbuilding capability.
2 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on unlawful underpayment of employees’ remuneration.
3 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on regional inequality in Australia.

On or before 31 July 2020
Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Road Safety—Joint Select Committee
Interim report to be presented.

On 7 September 2020
Business of the Senate—Order of the day
1 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on Australia’s faunal extinction crisis.
On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2020 (9 September 2020)

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Legislation Committees
   Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2020.

On 30 September 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the management of the Inland Rail project.

On 1 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on water quality outcomes in the Great Barrier Reef.

On 7 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Australia’s Family Law System—Joint Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 12 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Financial Technology and Regulatory Technology—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 14 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the road transport industry.

On or before 31 October 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Road Safety—Joint Select Committee
   Final report to be presented.
On 1 November 2020

Business of the Senate—Orders of the day

1 Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

2 Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan
   Report to be presented on the Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019.
   *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

On 3 December 2020

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Effectiveness of the Australian Government’s Northern Australia agenda—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On or before the first sitting day of October 2021

General Business—Order of the day

1 Autism—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On the last sitting day in May 2022

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Implementation of the National Redress Scheme—Joint Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

Within 6 months of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters receiving the reference

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on a review of the operation of the amendments, dealing with foreign donations and related matters, made by the *Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Act 2018*, to commence on the second anniversary for the Royal Assent of the *Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Act 2018*.
   *(Bill received royal assent on 29 November 2018.)*

Date unspecified

Business of the Senate—Order of the day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on a possible cancer cluster on the Bellarine Peninsula.
Other information

Bills currently before committees

Agriculture Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Administration) Bill 2019 *
Contingent upon introduction in the Senate, referred to Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 31 January 2020)

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 *
Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 14 November 2019; reporting date: 7 February 2020)

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019 *
Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 July 2019; reporting date: 4 December 2019)

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Sport Integrity Australia) Bill 2019 *
Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 14 November 2019; reporting date: 3 February 2020)

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia’s Anti-Doping Capability) Bill 2019 [provisions] *
Referred to Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 3 February 2020)

Coal-Fired Power Funding Prohibition Bill 2017 *
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 31 March 2020)

Competition and Consumer Amendment (Prevention of Exploitation of Indigenous Cultural Expressions) Bill 2019 *
Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 4 July 2019; reporting date: 26 March 2020)

Constitution Alteration (Water Resources) 2019 *
Referred to Select Committee on the Multi-Jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan (referred 12 September 2019; reporting date: 1 November 2020)

Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019 [provisions] *
Referred to Economics Legislation Committee (referred 19 September 2019; reporting date: 7 February 2020)
Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2019 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2019 [provisions] *

Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 18 March 2020)

Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 [provisions] *

Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 October 2019; reporting date: 28 February 2020)

Product Stewardship Amendment (Packaging and Plastics) Bill 2019 *

Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 12 September 2019; reporting date: 14 May 2020)

Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Tax Transparency in Procurement and Grants) Bill 2019 *

Referred to Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 14 November 2019; reporting date: 19 March 2020)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2019 and the Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2019 [provisions] *

Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 21 February 2020)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019 *

Referred to Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 17 April 2020)

Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2019 [provisions] *

Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 21 February 2020)

Treasury Laws Amendment (Your Superannuation, Your Choice) Bill 2019 [provisions] *

Referred to Economics Legislation Committee (referred 28 November 2019; reporting date: 21 February 2020)

* Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.

Bills discharged or negatived

Government bills

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019

Question that the bill, as amended, be agreed to was negatived in committee of the whole, 28 November 2019.
Private senators’ bills

**Plebiscite (Future Migration Level) Bill 2018**
Second reading negatived, 29 July 2019.

**Protecting Australian Dairy Bill 2019**

Questions on notice

Questions remaining unanswered
Nos 935, 938 to 944, 946 to 949, 951 to 974.

The full text of Question on Notice and their answers are available online at Questions on Notice.

Orders of the Senate

**Allocation of departments/agencies**
That departments and agencies be allocated to legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:

- *Community Affairs*
  - Health
  - Social Services, including Services Australia

- *Economics*
  - Industry, Innovation and Science
  - Treasury

- *Education and Employment*
  - Education
  - Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business, including Industrial Relations

- *Environment and Communications*
  - Communications and the Arts
  - Environment and Energy

- *Finance and Public Administration*
  - Finance
  - Parliament
  - Prime Minister and Cabinet

- *Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade*
  - Defence, including Veterans’ Affairs
  - Foreign Affairs and Trade
Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Attorney-General, excluding Industrial Relations
Home Affairs
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
Agriculture
Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

Australia’s Emissions Projections—Order of continuing effect

(1) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, by not later than the last sitting day of each year, the report detailing Australia’s estimated future greenhouse gas emissions, Australia’s Emissions Projections.

(2) This order is of continuing effect.

(Agreed to 25 November 2019)

Environment and Communications References Committee—Determination of committee chair—Standing order 25(9)

That, pursuant to standing order 25(9), the Senate determines:

(a) that the chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee shall be elected by that committee from members nominated by minor parties or independent senators; and

(b) that this order remain in effect until the President is duly notified of an agreement that meets the terms of standing order 25(9)(c).

(Agreed to 2 November 2011; varied 13 September 2016)
Estimates hearings—2019-20 additional estimates; 2020-21 Budget estimates and supplementary Budget estimates

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2020 be scheduled as follows:

**2019-20 additional estimates:**
- Monday, 2 March and Tuesday, 3 March (*Group A*)
- Wednesday, 4 March and Thursday, 5 March (*Group B*).

**2020-21 Budget estimates:**
- Monday, 25 May to Thursday, 28 May, and, if required, Friday, 29 May (*Group A*)
- Tuesday, 2 June to Friday, 5 June, and, if required, Friday, 19 June (*Group B*)
- Monday, 19 October and Tuesday, 20 October (supplementary hearings—*Group A*)
- Wednesday, 21 October and Thursday, 22 October (supplementary hearings—*Group B*).

(2) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters and on Murray Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 6 March, Friday, 29 May and Friday, 23 October, but not restricted to these days.

(3) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments and agencies to committees agreed to by the Senate.

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

**Group A:**
- Environment and Communications
- Finance and Public Administration
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

**Group B:**
- Community Affairs
- Economics
- Education and Employment
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

(5) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:

- Tuesday, 24 March 2020 in respect of the 2019-20 additional estimates; and
- Tuesday, 23 June 2020 in respect of the 2020-21 Budget estimates.

*(Agreed to 14 November 2019)*

Estimates questions (unanswered)—2019-20 Budget estimates

That—

(a) answers to outstanding questions taken on notice in relation to the 2018-19 additional estimates and the 2019-20 Budget estimates, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the 46th Parliament, be provided to legislation committees by 31 July 2019; and

(b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering each of the unanswered questions is 31 July 2019.

*(Agreed to 29 July 2019)*
Formal business and suspensions of standing orders—Standing order 66—
Amendment
That, in accordance with the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s first report of 2019, standing order 66 be amended as follows:

After paragraph (3), insert:

(4) The question on any motion to suspend standing orders moved in the following circumstances shall be put immediately without any amendment or debate:

(a) any motion to suspend standing orders to provide for the consideration of a motion for which formality has been denied; and
(b) any other motion to suspend standing orders moved during consideration of formal business under standing order 66.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

Indigenous Australians—
Closing the Gap statement—Resolution
That each year, on the day on which the Prime Minister presents the annual report on progress in meeting the ‘Closing the Gap’ targets, the sitting of the Senate be suspended 10 minutes prior to the time set for the presentation of the report in the House of Representatives, until the ringing of the bells, to enable senators to attend.

Languages—Amendment to standing order 35 and resolution
At the end of standing order 35, add:

(3) If evidence is heard by a committee in an Indigenous Australian language the transcript of that evidence shall record both:

(a) the evidence as submitted in the Indigenous Australian language; and
(b) an English translation of the evidence.

Resolution:
The Senate resolves that, where a committee has heard evidence in an Indigenous Australian language, the transcription by Hansard staff of the evidence as submitted, and its translation into English, should be assisted by the person who gave evidence or a person from their community.

(Agreed to 17 October 2019 upon adoption of the recommendation in the Procedure Committee’s second report of 2019)
Meeting of Senate—2019
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2019 be as follows:

Winter sittings:
 Monday, 22 July to Thursday, 25 July
 Monday, 29 July to Thursday, 1 August

Spring sittings:
 Monday, 9 September to Thursday, 12 September
 Monday, 16 September to Thursday, 19 September
 Monday, 14 October to Thursday, 17 October
 Monday, 11 November to Thursday, 14 November
 Monday, 25 November to Thursday, 28 November
 Monday, 2 December to Thursday, 5 December.

(Agreed to 4 July 2019)

Meeting of Senate—2020
That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2020 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:
 Tuesday, 4 February to Thursday, 6 February
 Monday, 10 February to Thursday, 13 February
 Monday, 24 February to Thursday, 27 February
 Monday, 23 March to Thursday, 26 March

Budget sittings:
 Tuesday, 12 May to Thursday, 14 May

Winter sittings:
 Monday, 15 June to Thursday, 18 June
 Monday, 22 June to Thursday, 25 June

Spring sittings:
 Tuesday, 11 August to Thursday, 13 August
 Monday, 17 August to Thursday, 20 August
 Monday, 7 September to Thursday, 10 September
 Monday, 14 September to Thursday, 17 September
 Monday, 12 October to Thursday, 15 October
 Monday, 9 November to Thursday, 12 November
 Monday, 23 November to Thursday, 26 November
 Monday, 30 November to Thursday, 3 December.

(Agreed to 14 November 2019)
Protection visas—Order of continuing effect

(1) The Senate notes that the Australian public has a right to know vital information that is held within the Department of Home Affairs, and that regular and timely information should be reported to the Senate and the Australian people to provide oversight and transparency on activities of the Department.

(2) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs, by not later than 14 days after each:

(a) 31 January;
(b) 28 February;
(c) 31 March;
(d) 30 April;
(e) 31 May;
(f) 30 June;
(g) 31 July;
(h) 31 August;
(i) 30 September;
(j) 31 October;
(k) 30 November; and
(l) 31 December, a monthly update of onshore protection visa lodgements.

(3) Each monthly update must include:

(a) the total number of protection visa lodgements made onshore during the period;
(b) the total number of protection visa lodgements made onshore at airports, by airport and state, during the period;
(c) the total number of individuals, by country of origin, that made a lodgement for a protection visa onshore during the period;
(d) the total number of individuals, by age and gender, that made a lodgement for a protection visa onshore during the period;
(e) the total number of refugee status determinations made during the period;
(f) the total number of individuals granted a Final Protection Visa during the period;
(g) the total number of individuals, by country of origin, granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;
(h) the total number of individuals, by age and gender, granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;
(i) the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;
(j) the total number of individuals, by country of origin, that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;

(k) the total number of individuals, by age and gender, that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;

(l) the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa that were deported during the period, and the deportation rate;

(m) the total number of refugee status determinations awaiting a decision at the end of the period; and

(n) the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa that have yet to be deported at the end of the period.

(4) If the Senate is not sitting when a monthly update is ready for presentation, the statement is to be presented to the President under standing order 166.

(5) This order is of continuing effect.

(Agreed to 14 November 2019)
Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation—Standing orders 23 and 25(2)(a)

(1) The standing orders be amended, with effect from 4 December 2019, as follows:

(a) omit standing order 23, substitute:

23 Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation

(1) A Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation shall be appointed at the commencement of each Parliament.

(2) All instruments made under the authority of Acts of the Parliament, which are subject to disallowance, disapproval or affirmative resolution by the Senate and which are of a legislative character, shall stand referred to the committee for consideration and, if necessary, report.

(3) The committee shall scrutinise each instrument as to whether:

(a) it is in accordance with its enabling Act and otherwise complies with all legislative requirements;

(b) it appears to be supported by a constitutional head of legislative power and is otherwise constitutionally valid;

(c) it makes rights, liberties, obligations or interests unduly dependent on insufficiently defined administrative powers;

(d) those likely to be affected by the instrument were adequately consulted in relation to it;

(e) its drafting is defective or unclear;

(f) it, and any document it incorporates, may be freely accessed and used;

(g) the accompanying explanatory material provides sufficient information to gain a clear understanding of the instrument;

(h) it trespasses unduly on personal rights and liberties;

(i) it unduly excludes, limits or fails to provide for independent review of decisions affecting rights, liberties, obligations or interests;

(j) it contains matters more appropriate for parliamentary enactment; and

(k) it complies with any other ground relating to the technical scrutiny of delegated legislation that the committee considers appropriate.

(4) The committee shall also scrutinise each instrument to determine whether the attention of the Senate should be drawn to the instrument on the ground that it raises significant issues, or otherwise gives rise to issues that are likely to be of interest to the Senate.

(5) The committee may, for the purpose of reporting on its terms of reference, consider any proposed or draft legislative instrument, including an exposure draft of such an instrument.
(6)  
(a) The committee shall consist of 6 senators, 3 being members of the government party nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and 3 being senators who are not members of the government party, nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or by any minority groups or independent senators.

(b) The nominations of the opposition or any minority groups or independent senators shall be determined by agreement between the opposition and the minority groups or independent senators, and, in the absence of agreement duly notified to the President, the question of the representation on the committee shall be determined by the Senate.

(7) The committee may appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and refer to any such sub-committee any matters which the committee is empowered to consider.

(8) The committee shall elect as chair a member appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate.

(9) The committee shall elect as deputy chair a member appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and the member so elected shall act as chair of the committee when there is no chair or the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee.

(10) Where votes on a question before the committee are equally divided, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.

(11) The committee and any sub-committee shall have power to send for persons and documents, to move from place to place, and to meet and transact business in public or private session and notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives.

(12) The committee may inquire into and report on any matter related to the technical scrutiny of delegated legislation.

(13) The committee may appoint with the approval of the President a legal adviser to the committee.

(14) The committee shall be empowered to print from day to day any of its documents and evidence. A daily Hansard shall be published of public proceedings of the committee.

(15) The committee may report from time to time its proceedings and evidence and any recommendations, and shall make regular reports of the progress of the proceedings of the committee.

(b) omit standing order 25(2)(a), substitute:

(a) The legislation committees shall inquire into and report upon:

(i) estimates of expenditure in accordance with standing order 26,

(ii) bills or draft bills referred to them by the Senate,
(iii) legislative instruments made in the portfolios allocated to them,
(iv) annual reports in accordance with paragraph (20), and
(v) the performance of departments and agencies allocated to them.

(2) The initial members of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation shall be the members of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances appointed at the commencement of this Parliament.

(3) The Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation have the power to consider and use the records of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances.

(Agreed to 27 November 2019)

Valedictory statements—Senator Bernardi

That on Wednesday, 4 December 2019, consideration of the business before the Senate be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make valedictory statements relating to Senator Bernardi.

(Agreed to 3 December 2019)

Contingent notices of motion

Conduct of business

1 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann): To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion to provide for the consideration of any matter.

2 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Patrick

To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.
Formal business

3 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)
   Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Patrick
   To move (contingent on any senator objecting to a motion being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion being moved immediately and determined without amendment or debate.

4 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)
   Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Patrick
   To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to move an amendment to a motion discovered during formal business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator moving the amendment to the motion.

Limitation of time

5 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann): To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

   Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
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6 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.

7 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.

8 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.
Matters of urgency

9 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann): To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.

10 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson) Senator Bernardi Senator Patrick

To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.

Order of business

11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson) Senator Bernardi Senator Patrick

To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice Paper.

Questions without notice

12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson) Senator Bernardi Senator Patrick

To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 30 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.
Statements
13 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann)
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Patrick
To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

Tabling of documents
14 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Patrick
To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.

Appointments to statutory authorities

National Archives of Australia Advisory Council
Senator Carr (appointed 1 August 2019, for a period of 3 years).

Council of the National Library of Australia
Senator Bilyk (appointed 1 August 2019, for a period of 3 years).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust
Senators Abetz and Carr (appointed 1 August 2019).

Temporary chairs of committees

Senators Askew, Bernardi, Bilyk, Brockman, Brown, Faruqi, Fawcett, Fierravanti-Wells, Gallacher, Griff, Kitching, Polley, Sterle and Stoker

Richard Pye
Clerk of the Senate
## Ministerial representation

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| Senator the Honourable Mathias Cormann  
Minister for Finance  
Vice-President of the Executive Council  
Leader of the Government in the Senate | Prime Minister  
Minister for the Public Service  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service and Cabinet  
Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure  
Treasurer  
Assistant Treasurer  
Minister for Housing |
| Senator the Honourable Bridget McKenzie  
Minister for Agriculture | Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management |
| Senator the Honourable Simon Birmingham  
Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment  
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate | Assistant Trade and Investment Minister  
Minister for Education  
Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction  
Minister for the Environment |
| Senator the Honourable Marise Payne  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Minister for Women | Minister for International Development and the Pacific  
Attorney-General  
Minister for Industrial Relations |
| Senator the Honourable Richard Colbeck  
Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians  
Minister for Youth and Sport |  |
| Senator the Honourable Michaelia Cash  
Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business | Minister for Health  
Minister for Home Affairs  
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs |
| Senator the Honourable Matt Canavan  
Minister for Resources and Northern Australia | Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development  
Minister for Regional Services, Decentralisation and Local Government  
Minister for Industry, Science and Technology |
| Senator the Honourable Linda Reynolds, CSC  
Minister for Defence | Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts  
Assistant Defence Minister  
Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel  
Minister for Defence Industry |
| Senator the Honourable Anne Ruston  
Minister for Families and Social Services  
Manager of Government Business in the Senate | Minister for Indigenous Australians  
Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme  
Minister for Government Services |

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| Senator the Honourable Jane Hume  
Assistant Minister for Superannuation, Financial Services and Financial Technology |  |
| Senator the Honourable Zed Seselja  
Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters |  |
| Senator the Honourable Jonathon Duniam  
Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries  
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